

Central United Methodist Church

HOSPITALITY

and joy

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

10:45 a.m.

Our Vision:

***Making Christ known by extending hospitality,
serving the community, and embracing all.***

201 - 3rd Avenue Knoxville TN 37917

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We Gather to Praise God

Choral Introit

Welcome (Let's Walk Together)

Welcome

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

Opening Prayer

† **Opening Hymn**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take a seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

† **Call to Worship**

Welcome to a time of wonder and praise
and music that calls us home.

Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge
and a reminder that we are offered holy hospitality.

Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others
leading us to fully live with welcome in our hearts.

Welcome to this place where God's mercy has no end
and there is room for everyone.

Welcome to an opportunity to worship the living and loving God.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Amen.

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

Scripture

Philippians 2:19-30

A Time for Young Christians

Sunday school for nursery through 5th grade is offered every week following children's time except on Sundays when we celebrate Holy Communion (typically the first Sunday of each month).

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Gaelic melody, setting by Alice Parker

Sermon

Joyful Hospitality

Rev. Sherrod

We Respond to God's Great Love

† Song

Lord, Be Glorified

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering our Gifts

We will not be receiving an offering during the service, however, we invite you to give your offering and God's tithes using the plates as you exit the sanctuary or online at Knoxcentralumc.org/getinvolved

Offertory

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you
Deep peace of Christ to you.

† Dedication of Gifts

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

We Are Scattered to Serve God In Our World

† Closing Hymn

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heav'n and home;
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

[Refrain] I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free
for his eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. [Refrain]

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. [Refrain]

† **Benediction**

Postlude

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Irish Folk Tune

† *Please stand in body or spirit*

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This morning's music:

Alice Parker (1925) is a legend of choral music, having composed hundreds of works. She is best known for her settings of folk music, particularly in collaboration with the conductor Robert Shaw.

Today we hear music of Gaelic origin including a setting of an ancient blessing by John Rutter (1945) and the stirring hymn tune St. Patrick's Breastplate.

Looking Ahead ~ Our Calendar

Weekly: AA, Monday and Thursday at 10:00 am
Builder's Class Bible Study via Zoom, Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Lenten Study via Zoom, Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Downtown REO, Wednesday at 8:30 am
Choir, Wednesday at 6:30 pm

March 19	VBS Planning Meeting, 3 pm, Room 210
March 20	4 th and Gill Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 210
March 21-25	Friends of the Library Set up and Sale, 1 st Floor
March 26	Praising Team, Noon, Room 210 Youth Bowling
March 27	Trustees Meeting, 10:30 am, Room 210 Leadership Council, 6:30 pm, Room 210
April 2	Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt
April 6	Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 pm
April 7	Good Friday
April 9	Easter Sunday
April 15,16	Dogwood Arts Featured Garden Tour, Play and Pray
April 22	Special Holston Annual Conference
April 30	4 th and Gill Tour of Homes, 1pm-6pm
May 7	Graduate Recognition during Worship Praising Team Meeting, Noon, Room 210 Singing Senior Concert, 2 pm, Sanctuary
May 21	Painting with Gaye King, Noon to 4pm, Fellowship Hall
June 25-27	VBS

Palm Sunday Fellowship Lunch and Egg Hunt - Everyone is invited to stay after worship on Palm Sunday to enjoy a light lunch and watch our children hunt for Easter Eggs. There will be a photo booth set up for family photos and coloring pages for all! This is a great time to invite grandchildren or neighbors to come join us! **We do need to have you reply with the number of adults and children who will be attending.** We will be collecting monetary donations to help offset food costs. **Please RSVP to stephanie@knoxcentralumc.org so that we can ensure we have plenty of food and plastic eggs.**

***We would love donations of stuffed plastic eggs. If you would like to donate some stuffed eggs, you may drop them off in the box outside the church office in the coming weeks!

Weekly Prayer List
Sunday, March 19, 2023

Keith Cornel (friend of Mary Humes) is near death and in hospice care.

Diane Lowe (Sherry Johnson's sister) is a patient in NHC Knoxville.

Please continue to remember **Virginia Colson** (7823 Gleason Dr. #201, 37919), **Bud Cottrell** (4004 Ross McCloud Way, 37938), **Pat Cowart** (Melanie Gangaware's mother), **Bill and Emalie Dockery** (5215 E Sunset Rd, 37914), **Haley Dockery** (5215 E Sunset Rd, 37914), **Jean Gangaware** (3625 Cherrylog Rd, 37921), **Jaquelyn Garner** (Bill Rose's sister), **Sancy Hail** (7545 Thunder Ct, Powell, 37849), **Susie Haun** (sister of Carol Wear), **David Helms** (809 E Emerald Ave, 37917), **Penney Helms** (3428 Luwana Ln, 37917), **Blaine Honea** (son of Linda Stalsworth Honea, former member of Central), **Allen Knable** (Room 512A, 283 W. Broadway Blvd., Jefferson City, 37760), **Richard and Joan Moon** (7655 Apple Cross, Corryton, 37721), **Doris Jean Moore** (7404 Kentfield Dr, 37919), **Nancy Morgan** (3105 Atoka Ln, 37917), **Mike O'Tool** (Ron O'Tool's grandson), **JoAnn Stewart** (Carolyn Cottrell's cousin), **Billy Varnell** (4121 Riverstone Ln, 37918), **Lucy Varnell** (4408 High School Rd, 37912), **Kathy Whaley** (friend of Penney Helms), and **Bill Winans** (1658 Wisteria View Way, 37914).

Send additions, deletions, and progress reports to Kathy Gant, gants@att.net, or the church office. If you want to be added to or deleted from the electronic mailing list, please let Kathy know.

Please tear off and leave in offering plate

Easter Flowers

The Flower Guild will be using seasonal flowers to decorate the church on Easter Sunday. If you would like to contribute to these arrangements, please fill out the form below indicating your name and dedication. These dedications will be listed on an insert in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Your Name: _____

I wish to contribute to the Easter floral decorations by making a monetary contribution:

Amount of Contribution: _____

In honor of: _____

Given By: _____

In memory of: _____

Given By: _____

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting with us today, we invite you to let us know you were here. In front of you in the pews you will find a visitor card. If you are willing, leave us your name and phone number or e-mail address so that we can connect with you and find out more about you and share more about who we are as well.

Care and Prayer

If you have a prayer request, let us know so we can be in prayer for you. Either use the visitor cards in front of you or e-mail Kathy Gant at gants@att.net

Sunday Morning Coffee

The coffee is on! Every Sunday morning at 9:30 am, you are invited to join us for coffee. Connect with Central folks for fellowship and conversation. Coffee is available from 9:30 until 10:45 am.

The Central Hub

Keep up with what's going on each week by subscribing to our weekly e-newsletter. You can subscribe by going to knoxcentralumc.org and fill out the form at the bottom of the page.

Spiritual Discipline of Giving and Financial Update

Giving financially is a spiritual discipline and has the power to shape and transform us. When we give, it expresses priorities in our lives. All are encouraged to give out of the abundance that God has provided us. We aren't currently passing the offering plates, but we do ask you to consider giving to the ministries of Central Church in one of the following ways.

- Place your gift in the offering Plate on Sunday Morning. You'll find them as you exit the sanctuary.
- Mail a check to 201 Third Ave. or bring it by the office.
- Give online (text to give) and through the Vanco Mobile App.
- Set up an automatic withdrawal through your checking account. Please reach out to Laurie in the office to sign up.
- Scan the PayPal QR code to donate through PayPal.



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